

Parking

There is ample parking at the Village Hall, Pound Green and the Maglia Rosso café. There is also some roadside parking availability and some of the gardens have frontages with parking space.

Directions

Hawstead is approximately 3 miles from Bury St Edmunds on the Nowton to Lawshall Road.

Village Hall postcode is IP29 5NP

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**Estate Agents Bury St Edmunds have kindly sponsored
the Open Gardens of Hawstead 2014**

Welcome to

Hawstead Open Gardens

in aid of

St Nicholas Hospice

Sponsored by Robinson's Portfolio

We have a variety of gardens for you to visit - twelve in all.
We hope that you will enjoy them.

In the village hall there will be tea, coffee and soft drinks available throughout the day with traditional home-made cakes and cream teas.

There will also be stalls selling books and other items.

Entrance fee £2.50

No charge for children under 16

**The entrance fee includes
a programme and map and
tea, coffee or fruit juice with
a piece of cake**

THE GARDENS

1 Pound House, The Pound

Richard and Jacquie Milns

Fantastic views across this west Suffolk countryside. A beautifully kept garden.

2 Little Owl

Nikki Browne

A small garden with big views .

In this garden you will be able to get the first sneak preview of Nikki's **garden glass collection**. Etched glass set within a Gothic style frame. The colours dance the frame stands tall. Some of Nikki's work will be for sale.

3 Pound Cottage, The Pound

Bill and Margaret Crockford

A beautifully kept garden bordering a natural pond with artwork and a modern water feature. There will be an **exhibition of Bill's paintings** here and a chance to visit his artist's studio.

4 No 5, The Pound

Steve and Jo Butt

A traditional cottage garden with a mix of flowers, vegetables and fruit planted to attract wildlife, bees and other beneficial insects. There will be **plants for sale** here and BBQ'd '**sausage in a bun**' - sausages from the hosts' own pigs.

5 Cullum House, Church Road

Clive Robinson and Paula

Cullum House aka The Old School House (1845-1940) is a Grade II Listed Building set in grounds of approximately 1/3 of an acre. It is of Victorian origins, built from brick and flint, with many architectural features. Centre stage are two magnificent Turkey oak trees. There is a 'water table' pond at the north west edge with yew trees, Holm oak and established hedges adding an embracing feel to the garden, which is mainly laid to 'laweeds'!

12 Kellycroft, The Green

Geraldine and John West

This somewhat windswept garden has views over the village green to the front and countryside to the rear. There are a number of trees in the garden, including a copper beech, a tall and bright-leaved robinia, a weeping birch and a majestic mature Ash tree. The garden is primarily of lawn and shrubs with a small vegetable patch. Ground elder provides an attractive ground cover plant in two of the flower beds - this will require some drastic action later in the year. One of the garden benches was rescued from the sea three miles off the coast at Frinton, some fifty years ago.

Other reasons to visit Hawstead

Hawstead has a wealth of open spaces - it has **four village greens**, the largest of which, sometimes known as Great Green, is one of the finest areas of undeveloped flower-rich grassland in Suffolk. At this time of the year it is truly beautiful with waving grasses and meadow flowers.

There are **footpaths** to walk including the **market path** linking the village green to the first open garden on your map, at The Pound. Other footpaths are shown on the map on the village hall notice board.

A church has stood on the site of our beautiful and ancient **All Saints church** since 1086. The present building dates mostly from the mid 16th century. Its five hatchments have been expertly restored and rehung in recent years.

Adjacent to the church is the **Millenium Field** - a quiet place for contemplation.

Victorian Almshouses, built in 1811, can be seen at The Pound.

Lastly , the Victorian schoolhouse **Cullum House** and **The Metcalfe Arms** (now the Maglia Rosso cycle shop and café). This building was first recorded as a public house in 1855. These will both be open .

We hope you enjoy your visit to Hawstead.

9 Rowans, Wkepstead Road

Maureen and Alan Ransom

Maureen and Alan had quite a challenge 2½ years ago, when they took over this garden, as it was rather over-grown and somewhat out of control. After removing some diseased trees, they have concentrated in creating a maintenance-free garden with a small bridge leading to the veggie plot and linen line. The front garden is an ongoing project - a parking bay, grass surround and stone areas are planned.

10 Hillside, Wkepstead Road

Simon Miller

Almost at the top of a hill, Hillside has open views over and beyond Hawstead on three sides. To the south is a small woodland, where undulating lawns are dispersed with islands of flowers and vegetables plus a wavy boarder of flowers, fruit trees and vines (for wine production). Adjacent is the historic plot known as "Lampland" now taken out of agricultural production to revert to a wild flower meadow. The hedge on it's southern boarder was pruned in 2010 and laid in the traditional way. It is now growing well.

11 Maglia Rosso (previously the Metcalfe Arms) licensed café and cycle shop, Lawshall Road

Barry and Matt Denny

Barry and Matt, both keen cyclists, have transformed the sad and dilapidated Metcalfe Arms into a high-end cycle shop and a licensed café. Both shop and café are now open. The gardens are still a work in progress, but if you would like to refresh yourself with a drink and perhaps some lunch, then this is the place for you. More information about Maglia Rosso can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/magliarosso>

Whilst you are here, why not have a look at the former school buildings - including the scullery/washhouse - which quite amazingly is still intact.

As well as a history lesson, **tea and homemade cakes** will be available at Cullum House.

6 Grove House, Church Road

Jayne and Paul Robertson

Since Open Gardens 2011 the front garden has been landscaped and includes a patio area with beds predominantly of herbs, grasses and ever-green perennials. The rear garden is still a work in progress, but there is a lovely view across to Nowton Church and some **Alpacas** - Jayne and Paul's unusual family pets - to meet. There are three male 9 and 10 year old Alpacas who enjoy eating carrots from your hand but do not like being cuddled. They produce lovely fleece and some throws and cushions made from the fleeces will be on show.

7 Oakhill House, Pinford End

Judy and David Carter

Open to the elements, but gloriously uninhibited this half acre garden gives its owners, Judy and David, much pleasure. A peaceful green haven much enjoyed by pheasants, rabbits and the occasional deer. An easily maintained Mediterranean front garden leads to an herbaceous border and views over adjoining farm land at the side and rear. The sun rises over one hedge and sets over another, clearly visible from the living room. It is hoped that the Lavender will be in bloom!

8 Bull Green Cottage, Bull Green, Pinford End

Helen and Rob Barneveld

The garden of this pretty thatched cottage blends the well-established plantings of earlier years with many more recent additions. It has a variety of different beds and borders, a pond, shrubs, trees and hedges with a fine selection of roses and spring bulbs. This is a peaceful country garden with views of the countryside.